### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

and

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA SANTA ROSA and SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

#### **CHARTER**

- 1. **COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument (Monument) Advisory Committee (Committee).
- 2. AUTHORITY: The Committee is a statutory advisory committee established under Section 7 of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act (Act) of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 431 note), as amended; Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), as amended (43 U.S.C. 1739); the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1600); Section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a); the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131); and all other applicable provisions of law. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is subject to standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM resource advisory committees. Refer to the 1995 amended BLM regulations (43 CFR 1784) for specific regulations regarding: avoidance of conflict of interest (1784.2-2); calls for nominations (1784.6-1(e)); notice of meetings (1784.4-2); open meetings (1784.4-3); records (1784.5-3); and course of instruction for members (1784.6-1(f)). The Committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.
- 3. OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: The Committee will operate in an advisory capacity to the Secretaries of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture (the Secretaries) through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) concerning the preparation and implementation of the management plan for the conservation and protection of the Monument, as required by the Act.
- **4. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** The Committee will develop recommendations for the BLM and the Forest Service regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for BLM and National Forest lands and resources within the Monument. This may require the Committee, at the direction of the DFO, to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, and receive public comments relating to the issues.
- **5. AGENCY OR OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The Committee provides representative counsel and advice to the Secretaries through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).
- **6. SUPPORT:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Committee will alternate between the Bureau of Land Management, Office of the State Director, California State Office, and the U.S. Forest Service, Office of the Regional Forester, Pacific Southwest

Region every two years. The Bureau of Land Management will provide the funding for the Committee the two years this charter is in effect.

- 7. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS AND STAFF YEARS: Activities of the Committee will require an estimated \$40,000, which includes .3 years or 3.6 months of Federal staff support.
- 8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER:** The Committee reports to the Secretaries through the DFO. The DFO to whom the Committee reports will be the Monument manager. The DFO or the DFO designee or alternate DFO(s) will approve or call all of the Committee and subcommittee or subgroup meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and Committee subgroup meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the advisory committee reports.
- **9. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:** The Committee will meet approximately one to four times annually.
- **10. DURATION:** Although the charter is current for only 2 years, the period of time necessary for the Committee to carry out its purposes is continuing.
- 11. **TERMINATION:** The Committee's charter will expire 2 years from the date it is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is rechartered by the Secretaries in accordance with the previsions of Section 14(b) of the FACA. The Committee shall not meet or perform any functions without a valid current charter.

### 12. MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION:

- a. Committee representative members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior with concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture. To the extent practicable, the Committee shall include the following members:
  - (i) a representative with expertise in natural science and research selected from a regional college or university;
  - (ii) a representative of the California Department of Fish and Game or the California Department of Parks and Recreation;
  - (iii) a representative of the County of Riverside, California;
  - (iv) a representative of each of the following cities in California: Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Indian Wells;
  - (v) a representative of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians;
  - (vi) a representative of the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy;
  - (vii) a representative of a local conservation organization;
  - (viii) a representative of a local developer or builder organization;

- (ix) a representative of the Winter Park Authority; and
- (x) a representative of the Pinyon Community Council.
- b. The Committee will be comprised of 15 primary members and 15 alternate members. Members will be appointed for terms of 3 years, except when abbreviated terms are necessary to maintain a staggered rotation.
- c. Only one alternate member for each category of representation identified above will be appointed.
- 13. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS: No Council or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest. As provided in 43 CFR 1784.2-2, members of the Council shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by the BLM, or in any litigation related thereto.
- 14. SUBCOMMITTEES: Subject to the DFO's approval, a subcommittee or subgroups can be formed in response to a petition by local citizens or on the motion of the Committee to provide input necessary to the successful functioning of the Committee. At the discretion of the DFO, subgroups may include individuals who are not Committee members. Input by subgroups will be presented directly to the parent Committee for its deliberation and consideration. Subcommittees and subgroups must not provide advice or work products directly to the agency.

**15. RECORDKEEPING:** The Records of the Committee and subgroups shall be handled in accordance with General Record Schedule 26, Item 2, or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Secretary of the Interior

Secretary of Agriculture

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